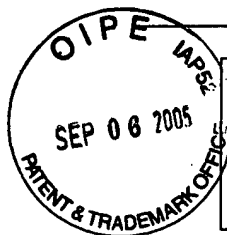


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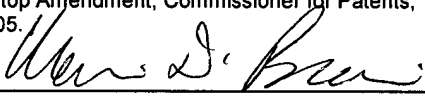
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2005, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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